



True Christmas

Gifts From Above

Key Scripture:

John 1:9 NIV

The **True Light** that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

The True Christmas Story

Luke 2:8-20 NASU

8 In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." 15 When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." 16 So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. 17 When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

Signs of a Good Gift

Luke 2:12 NASU

This will be a sign for you:

- ✓ **Replaces fear with joy** - Don't be afraid...I bring you good news of great joy
- ✓ **Finding it is worth the search** - you will find a baby wrapped in cloths...
- ✓ **Can't be kept secret** - they made known the statement...about this Child.
- ✓ **Makes you grateful** - The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God!

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Good Gifts...

James 1:17 NKJV

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down **from the Father of lights**, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

1. **Hope** - God gave His Son because He loves you.

Luke 2:10-11 NASU

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, **I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people**; 11 for today in the city of David there has been **born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord**.

John 3:16 NKJV

For **God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

2. **Life** - Jesus was born to give His life for you.

Matthew 1:21 CEV

Then after her baby is born, name Him Jesus, because **He will save His people from their sins**."

Romans 6:23 NCV

When people sin, they earn what sin pays — death.
But God gives us a **free gift — life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord**.

3. **Power** - The Holy Spirit gives you power to live a good life.

Luke 11:13 CEV

As bad as you are, you still know how to give good gifts to your children.
But your **heavenly Father is even more ready to give the Holy Spirit to anyone who asks**.

Acts 2:38 TLB

And Peter replied, "Each one of you must turn from sin, return to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; **then you also shall receive this gift, the Holy Spirit**."

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